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SUBJECT: LABOR MINISTER DENIES RESIGNATION REPORTS

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1. LABOR MINISTER ANTONIO LEIDENZ DENIED TO THE PRESS AT NOON ON AUG 15 THE FRONT-PAGE STORY CARRIED IN THE MORNING EL UNIVERSAL REPORTING THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT PEREZ. EL UNIVERSAL HAD LINKED THE RESIGNATION WITH GOVERNOR OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT DIEGO ARRIA'S INTERVENTION IN THE DISPUTE WITH STRIKING BUS DRIVERS WHICH OVERTURNED A PREVIOUS CONTRACT WHOSE NEGOTIATION HAD BEEN SUPERVISED BY LEIDENZ.

2. COMMENT: LEIDENZ HAS BEEN TELLING EMBASSY OFFICERS FOR MONTHS THAT HE IS NOT PARTICULARLY HAPPY AS LABOR MINISTER, THAT HE ACCEPTED THE JOB AT THE PERSONAL REQUEST OF PRESIDENT PEREZ, AND THAT HE WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO RETURN TO HIS SENATE SEAT. THE INCIDENT WITH ARRIA MAY HAVE BEEN THE FINAL STRAW. IT IS LIKELY THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY PEREZ TO DELAY HIS RESIGNATION FOR A SUITABLE PERIOD UNTIL TEMPER COOL OVER THE BUS DRIVERS INCIDENT. THE MOST FREQUENTLY-MENTIONED CANDIDATE TO REPLACE LEIDENZ IS THE VICE MINISTER OF LABOR, WENCESLAU MANTILLA. SHLAUDEMAM

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